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In the news

Cop pleads to civil rights violation

An ex-NYPD cop pleaded guilty yesterday to violating the civil rights of an unarmed black man he stopped and frisked in Staten Island. Michael Daragjati falsely charged the man with resisting arrest and later bragged about the incident using a racial slur in a recorded conversation. He faces up to a year in prison and was terminated from the NYPD.

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**Army drops harshest charge**

LOWER EAST SIDE. One year after Lower East Side soldier Pvt. Danny Chen committed suicide after he was repeatedly tormented by soldiers in Afghanistan, an Army investigator dropped the most serious charge in the case Monday.

Spc. Ryan Offutt is one of eight soldiers accused of mocking Chen for his Chinese heritage. Offutt, the main alleged perpetrator in the bullying, was originally charged with involuntary manslaughter, which carries up to 10 years in prison. He is now facing negligent homicide, which only carries up to three years in jail.

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In the news

**Gay marriage up to NJ voters**

Gov. Chris Christie will relinquish his power to legalize gay marriage and let voters decide via the ballot in November, he said yesterday.

Although Christie is opposed to same-sex marriage, he said, "Whether or not to redefine hundreds of years of ... traditions should not be decided by 121 people in the Statehouse."

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Prison after parking dispute

HARLEM. A man was sentenced to 17 years imprisonment yesterday for attempting to kill another man in East Harlem in a fight over a parking space on New Year's Day. Miguel Padilla, 45, fired a semiautomatic pistol several times at the man, who had his four-year-old daughter with him, but instead injured a 13-year-old boy in a nearby vehicle. Padilla pleaded guilty to attempted murder.

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Accused rapist works for Saudi Arabian prince

MANHATTAN. A man who travels as a member of an unnamed Saudi Arabian prince's entourage is on trial this week for luring two female bartenders to The Plaza Hotel and allegedly raping one of them in 2010. Mustapha Ouanes, 60, is accused of sexually assaulting the woman while she was drifting in and out of sleep. Ouanes' lawyers argued the encounter was consensual and the women invented the rape claim after he refused to pay for sex, according to The New York Times.

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New program lets artists make art for health care

► Bronx hospital launches barter system for New York's uninsured creative class ► Artists who qualify can paint, teach or perform in exchange for health care ► One hour of work can get you \$40 of care

How many hours would you spend painting to pay off a surgery? As part of a new program in the south Bronx, artists can paint, dance or sing to their heart's delight, all to offset hospital bills.

The Lincoln Art Exchange, launched this month at the Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, offers struggling New York artists without health insurance a barter system — \$40 in health care credits for every hour spent creating art.

For example, if a dancer's twisted knee lands her an overnight hospital stay, 125 dancing hours could pay off a \$5,000 bill — once she's back on her feet, of course.

Most artists, however, simply need a doctor's visit. Under low-income health pro-

47%

When a group was sampled in 2007, 47 percent of people in The Actors Fund, an artists' resource group, were uninsured, according to Renata Marinaro, director of health services at the fund.

grams, the cost for that can be as low as \$15 for some.

Although many artists qualify for reduced-cost health care, through the new program they can also barter to pay with skills, not cash.

Just this week, as many as 50 interested artists called to inquire about the program, including a doodle artist and a

playwright, said Colette Barrow, at the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

To help pay for their care, artists can facepaint for hospitalized children, read poetry or even lead yoga sessions for hospital staff, she said.

Many of these artists are juggling part-time jobs, Barrow said, or out of work following the end of a production. Some take their chances instead of monthly payments.

A similar program at Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn has attracted 400 artists since opening in 2005.

A City Council hearing today will discuss artists' access to health insurance.

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**How does it work?**

NEW YORK. Anyone uninsured who is making a living through creative means is eligible, from dancers to poets to musicians, hospital officials said. The money can be used toward a wide range of services like doctor visits, lab tests or emergency care.

"I've gotten phone calls from the whole gamut, from a clown to a photographer to more singers, actors," HHC's Colette Barrow said.

Valentine's Day. Surprise!

► At four inches long, Madagascar hissing cockroaches are the world's largest roach species.

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Valentine's Day is right around the corner and what better way to show affection than to name a Madagascar hissing cockroach for someone? The Bronx Zoo is offering the opportunity to name its new crop of cockroaches; a certificate will be e-mailed to your loved one, announcing one of the bugs has been named in his or her honor. Visit bronxzoo.com/roach to order. (Naming rights also good for ex-boyfriends and mothers-in-law.)

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Crash vic's mom takes on NYPD

BROOKLYN. The mother of cyclist Mathieu Lefevre — the latter of whom was killed by a truck last year — continued her criticism of the NYPD Monday. Erika Lefevre said the police failed to collect or photograph evidence from the scene. An Accident Investigation Squad report revealed the crash investigator's camera was broken, accounting for the lack of photographic evidence of the crash, according to The New York Times. Lefevre, 30, was killed in October.

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"Apparently, (the) NYPD cares more about investigating our family's efforts to get information from it than about properly investigating Mathieu's death." ERIKA LEFEVRE

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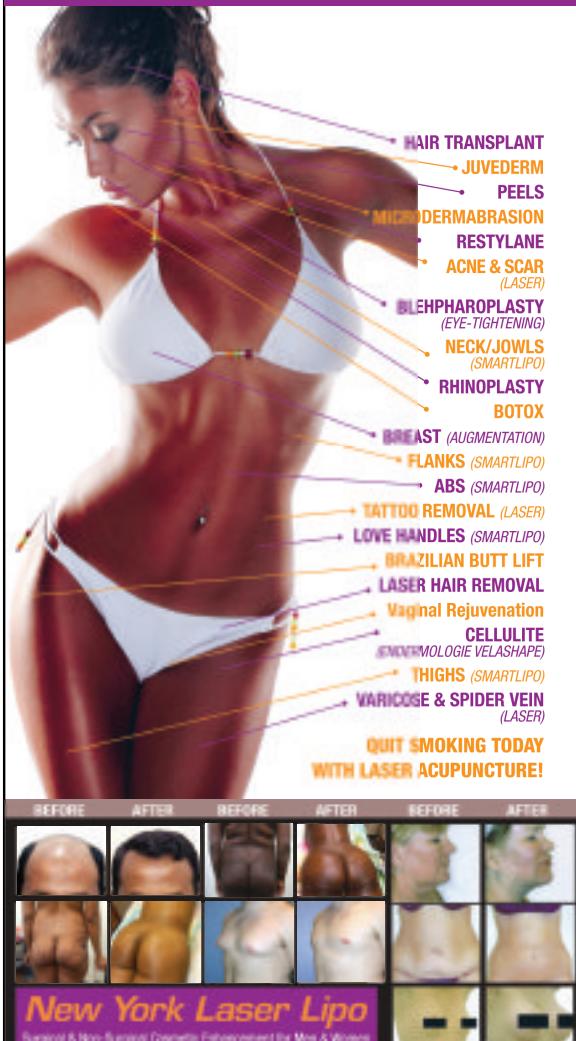
Ray Chew returns to Carnegie Hall to celebrate this soulful brand of music from the Motor City that has been loved by generations. "Motown touches every American," says Chew, who is also the current music director of *American Idol*. "It brings you back to a familiar place."

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Bad money managers at the racetrack?

At a time when Gov. Andrew Cuomo wants to expand gambling in the state, the New York Racing Association is not curbing costs despite two critical audits by the state, New York Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said yesterday.

DiNapoli released a third audit yesterday about the racing association, reporting that it did not implement any of the nine recommendations for improved financial health that the state made in 2010.

NYRA runs three horse racing tracks in New York state, including the Aqueduct racetrack in Queens. It also runs racetracks in Saratoga Springs and at Belmont Park in Long Island.

The Aqueduct racetrack is where Cuomo has future plans to build a massive convention center.

But NYRA expects to lose \$19.7 million in 2012, DiNapoli said. He also said he's worried NYRA will mismanage the estimated \$48 million in cash it expects to get this year in revenue from new video lottery terminals installed at Aqueduct.

NYRA needs to make criti-



\$11.5M

NYRA projected an \$11.5 million deficit for 2011 and expects a \$19.7 million loss from racing operations in 2012.

cal decisions, DiNapoli said. For example, NYRA has reduced the cost of transporting horses by \$92,000 each year, but has not evaluated whether to charge owners when it transports horses between tracks.

"The organization still has much work to do to carry out the reforms we recommended," DiNapoli said.

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Nearly 1,500 NYPD officers saw anti-Islamic film

► Internal NYPD records reveal that hundreds of cops were exposed to 'The Third Jihad' ► Played on a loop

The NYPD denied for more than a year that it showed its new recruits a controversial documentary about Islam. But yesterday, The New York Times reported that nearly 1,500 officers were actually exposed to the film.

"The Third Jihad" is narrated by Zuhdi Jasser, a Muslim who says he is concerned that few American Muslims spoke out against the 9/11 attacks.

"This is the true agenda of much of Islam in America," Jasser says in the film. "A strategy to infiltrate and dominate America. We all

When groups talk about Islam

dominating the world, you realize that they hold some of the same goals as al-Qaeda — and that's what makes them dangerous.

ZUHDI JASSER, "THE THIRD JIHAD"



know about terrorism. ... This is the war you don't know about."

When news first broke a year ago that the NYPD was quietly showing the film as a training exercise for new recruits, top police officials dismissed the claim, saying it was only shown "a couple of times."

But "The Third Jihad" was actually played on a continuous loop over a period of between three months and one year, the Times reported.

The revelation comes after the NYU Law School's Brennan



► Video footage from 9/11 attack is used in "The Third Jihad."

Who saw it and when?



- The film was shown "during the sign-in, medical and administrative orientation process" for new officers, according to The New York Times.
- In all, 1,489 police officers — 68 lieutenants, 159 sergeants, 31 detectives and 1,231 patrol officers — have seen "The Third Jihad."
- The film includes interviews with NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly and former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, as well as Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman.

Center for Justice filed a Freedom of Information Law request, and the NYPD was forced to release internal documents about the film.

Muslim groups in New York City were outraged at the news; yesterday, the Council on American-Islamic relations demanded a review of all NYPD training on Islam. The Islamic Circle of North America is also calling for the resignation of NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly over the matter.

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Occupy drops suit over Zuccotti Park

NEW YORK. Occupy Wall Street protesters have dropped a lawsuit that argued sleeping represents a form of free speech after the NYPD dismantled their encampment in Zuccotti Park.

Protesters were forced from the park on Nov. 15. The park was reopened to the public after the eviction, but was

still surrounded by police barricades. After the barricades were removed, protesters changed their minds about pursuing the suit, according to Alan Levine, an OWS lawyer.

Levine said protesters are no longer interested in returning to Zuccotti. "Nobody seems to care about that anymore," he told Reuters. "We're not about to try to litigate that issue in the abstract."  METRO/G



No sleeping rules

Brookfield Properties, the company that owns Zuccotti Park, maintained that its rules prohibit camping or sleeping and the use of tents and sleeping bags. The company's attorneys also claimed the generators brought into the park by protesters presented hazardous conditions.

Four CT cops accused of racist policing

► Accused of illegal searches at Latino businesses ► Claims they handcuffed victims, assaulted them



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Accused harassment

EAST HAVEN. The police conducted unreasonable and illegal searches at Latino-owned businesses and parked patrol cars in front of those businesses, the indictment alleges.

They also regularly conducted traffic stops of Latino customers entering or exiting those same businesses, towed their vehicles and arrested or detained them.

The indictment states that the cops prepared false reports to support their false arrests. Two officers are also accused of blocking citizens from videotaping police conduct, something that is legal to do. **REUTERS**

during lawful and unlawful arrests.

"In some cases, the victims were handcuffed with their hands behind their backs when they were assaulted by officers," it stated. The indictment accused Miller, Spaulding, Zullo and another unnamed officer of using unreasonable force

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News in brief


IMF cuts growth forecast, warns of global recession

WASHINGTON. The IMF chopped its estimate for 2012 global growth to 3.3 percent from 4 percent just three months ago and warned it could drop as low as 1.3 percent if Europe lets the crisis fester for much longer. For 2013, it predicted growth of 3.9 percent.

"The epicenter of the danger is Europe, but the

rest of the world is increasingly affected," IMF chief economist Olivier Blanchard said at a news conference. **REUTERS**

Apple revenue surges past targets

SAN FRANCISCO. Apple Inc.'s quarterly results blew past Wall Street's expectations after U.S. consumers snapped up near unprecedented numbers of iPhones and iPads, sending its shares up 8 percent into record territory.

The world's most valuable technology corporation returned to form after a rare miss in the previous quarter, assuaging investors' worries that its sheer size meant it was headed into a period of slower growth.

It sold 37.04 million iPhones — its flagship product — and 15.43 million iPad tablets, doubling from a year earlier and easily outpacing already heightened expectations for a strong holiday season. **REUTERS**

Obama bids for second term in his SOTU speech

President Barack Obama pitched new initiatives on jobs, taxes and housing in an election-year State of the Union address, making a sweeping case for a second term despite the slow U.S. economic recovery and high jobless rate.

Framed in what was labeled a starkly populist speech, most of Obama's proposals will face stiff Republican resistance, limiting the chance of headway in a divided Congress before the Nov. 6 general election.

But the White House hopes Obama can gain enough traction with voters to help restore faith in his economic leadership as the Democratic president defends himself against escalating attacks by Republican candidates vying to face him.

Obama pushed tax breaks for bringing manufacturing



► President Obama

jobs home from overseas, ideas to help the troubled home-mortgage market and incentives for alternative energy development.

"It's time to apply the same rules from top to bottom: No bailouts, no handouts and no coups," an early speech transcript said.

He also called again for higher taxes on the wealthy — despite consistent Republican opposition — and for further pressure on China over its currency and trade practices.

While these initiatives do not offer a quick fix for high unemployment that threatens Obama's re-election prospects, his speech will be a chance to turn up the heat on an unpopular Congress and take control of the campaign narrative.

Taxes are the most divisive issue at the heart of this year's election campaign. **REUTERS**

Romney paid tax at 14 percent

WASHINGTON. Mitt Romney bowed to pressure and gave a glimpse inside his personal fortune, releasing tax returns showing he pays a lower effective tax rate than many top earners.

Unlike Americans who rely on a paycheck, Romney earns most of his income from investment profits, dividends and interest. The returns for 2010 and estimates for 2011 showed that he will pay a total of \$6.2 million in taxes on income of \$42.5 million. **REUTERS**

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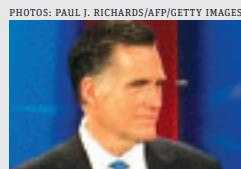
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Aside from hitting the Ronald Reagan trifecta — Romney, Gingrich and Santorum name-dropped the right-wing icon all in their first at-bat to speak — what did the candidates focus on at Monday night's debate? Well, they lied — not just through their teeth, but via their lips and tongues as well.

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"We're headed to a Greece-type collapse, and [Obama] adds another trillion on top for Obamacare and for his stimulus plan that didn't create private-sector jobs." ROMNEY

This one quote from Romney, as NYMag points out, "fits three lies into a single sentence," which is impressive for any politician and surely deserves accolades from both sides of the aisle for its contribution to the art of politicking.

"The Iranians are actively taunting us ... so [Obama] cancels a military exercise with the Israelis so as not to be provocative?" GINGRICH

The former Speaker incorrectly sums up the president's relationship with Iran. Aside from the fact that, according to reports, it was actually Israel who delayed this exercise, Gingrich downplays the president's toughest-ever sanctions against Iran.



Tweet roundup

- ▶ "Newt didn't mention his fantasy of having space sex. Probably for the best!" [@timothymurphy](#)
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- ▶ "Newt is right. Obama sent the Iranians the wrong message by launching the military action that brought down Qaddafi. Oh, wait..." [@DavidCornDC](#)
- ▶ "Note there was big applause to Paul's dovish comments about Cuba. Times have changed." [@ClaraJeffery](#)



"The biggest issue that ... we have to deal with ... that's crushing the economy, will crush it even further and crush freedom ... that's Obamacare." SANTORUM

We know that vocal conservatives oppose the Affordable Care Act — and will do and say anything to kill it — but the idea that mandated insurance is bad for the economy is just wrong. A mandate, in this case, benefits insurance companies.

"He keeps hinting about attacking the Fed, and he talks about gold." PAUL

It was difficult to find untruthful remarks from Rep. Ron Paul, who spent much of the debate railing against U.S. military adventurism and our banking system. On that latter point, Paul seems overly optimistic on returning the dollar to the gold standard, about which he lauds Gingrich in the above quote. Economists surveyed by the University of Chicago, however, unanimously oppose the move.



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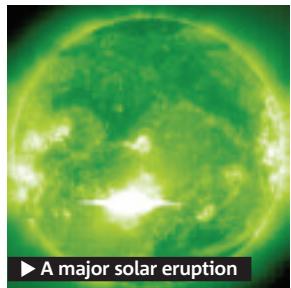
When sun attacks: Geomagnetic storm

The strongest geomagnetic storm in more than six years was forecast to hit Earth's magnetic field yesterday, and it could affect airline routes, power grids and satellites, the U.S. Space Weather Prediction Center said.

A coronal mass ejection — a big chunk of the Sun's atmosphere — was hurled toward Earth on Sunday, driving energized solar particles at about 5 million miles an hour, about five times faster than solar particles normally travel, the center's Terry Onsager said.

This energy can interfere with high-frequency radio communications used by airlines to navigate close to the North Pole in flights between North America, Europe and Asia — so some routes may need to be shifted, Onsager said.

It could also affect power grids and satellite operations,



► A major solar eruption
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Flights diverted

Delta Air Lines said it is diverting some flights on polar routes between Detroit and Asia to avoid disruptions to aircraft communications by a strong solar radiation storm. The storm has caused minor disruptions for U.S. airlines.

"When it hits us, it's like a big battering ram that pushes into Earth's magnetic field. That energy causes Earth's magnetic field to fluctuate."
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the center said in a statement. Astronauts aboard the International Space Station may be advised to shield themselves in specific parts of the spacecraft to avoid a heightened dose of solar radiation, Onsager said.

The space weather center said the storm's intensity would probably be moderate or strong, levels two and three on a five-level scale, five being the most extreme. **REUTERS**



► The brains of people tripping on magic mushrooms have given the best picture yet of how psychedelic drugs work. Scientists say such drugs could be used to treat depression.

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Putting the truth to a 'get-well trip'

Two separate studies into the effects of psilocybin, the active ingredient in magic mushrooms, showed it does not increase, but rather suppresses, activity in areas of the brain that are also dampened with other antidepressant treatments. Psilocybin's dampening action on this area may make it a useful and potentially long-acting antidepressant. **REUTERS**

Telecommuting a fact of life for fifth of workers

NEW YORK. About one in five workers around the globe, particularly employees in the Middle East, Latin America and Asia, telecommute frequently and nearly 10 percent work from home every day, according to a new Ipsos/Reuters poll.

Telecommuting is particularly popular in India where more than half of workers were most likely to be toiling from home. But the job option is the least popular in Hungary, Germany, Sweden, France, Italy and Canada, where fewer than 10 percent of people work from home.

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Emily Maynard is the chosen 'Bachelorette'



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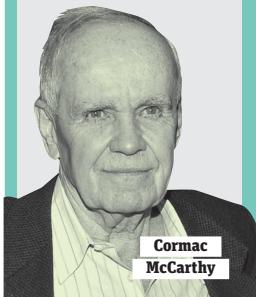
► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Cormac McCarthy
Sitting on a balcony watching far hills. White spire peaks. I feel blessed. Despite the stabbers the day has been kind.

Paris Hilton
Had fun at Sundance, just got back to LA. I will be posting some iPhone pics from my trip soon. Stay tuned...

Albert Brooks
I got ROBBED. I don't mean the Oscars, I mean literally. My pants and shoes have been stolen.

Sarah Silverman
Behind every great big bully there's a great big bully



Here's the thing about "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette": If you want to put yourself in a ridiculous situation by vying for the "love" of some stranger while a group of other similarly dressed people do the same on national TV, that's fine. You are a (semi-) rational adult and that's your weird bag. However, it's when kids are involved that I get the heebie-jeebies.

It was announced yesterday that Emily Maynard, the 25-year-old single mom who was

the chosen one on "The Bachelor" with Brad Womack, but then broke up with him shortly thereafter, will now be the star of the eighth season of "The Bachelorette." Although there is no word on what kind of role Maynard's 6-year-old daughter will play in the series, the ABC press releases are quick to point out that Maynard is the first single mom to star in the series. Maynard's little girl also appeared on "The Bachelor."

Look. It's great that single moms can be on "The Bachelorette." In fact, the series

needs to broaden their casting net — more single moms! More single dads! How about single granddads?! Heck, what about a contestant who isn't white? But isn't it confusing enough for little children when their parents date multiple people/make out half-dressed in hot tubs without being on network TV? Here's hoping ABC won't showboat the little girl for ratings, like they did with single dad Jason Mesnick's 4-year-old son Ty on "The Bachelor."

Let's leave that poor parenting to "Teen Mom," shall we?

Talking points

Seal speaks out about divorce

News of **Heidi Klum** and **Seal's** separation has come as a surprise to Hollywood — and to Seal himself. But the British singer is putting on a brave face, insisting their split won't get ugly. "We're just not those kind of people — we never really have been," he says in an interview with PBS talk show host **Tavis Smiley**. "We've never been attracted to that. Of course it's a difficult situation that we have to handle right now and it's never easy. In terms of our love and respect for each other, that hasn't changed at all."

Will Aniston be a stay-at-home mom?

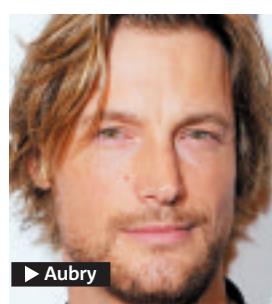
Jennifer Aniston doesn't have any new acting gigs lined up,



► Aniston



► Franklin



► Aubrey

and sources say that's just how she likes it, according to the Daily Mail. "She wants to focus on herself and hopefully becoming a mother," a source says. "She is thinking of launching her own fashion line which would allow her to spend more time at home." The source adds that Aniston has not scheduled any movies in the "foreseeable future," telling her agents "she needs a break." Rumors circulated last week that Aniston is six months pregnant, and reps for the actress have neither confirmed nor denied the reports.

Franklin calls off wedding

Aretha Franklin has called off her planned summer wedding to **Willie Wilkerson**, according to Hollyscoop. "Will and I have decided we were moving a little too fast, and there were a number of things that had not been thought through thoroughly," Franklin says in a statement. "There will be no wedding at this time. We will not comment on it any further because of the very personal and sensitive nature of it. We appreciate all of the many well wishes from friends."

More Berry and Aubrey drama

Gabriel Aubrey, **Halle Berry**'s ex-boyfriend and the father of her daughter, is reportedly being investigated for criminal child endangerment and battery, according to TMZ. Law enforcement sources say Aubrey allegedly shoved his nanny into a door while she was holding his and Berry's 3-year-old daughter, **Nahla**. The investigation was launched after the nanny filed a police report, and Child Protective Services is reportedly mounting an investigation.

Jolie gets (even more) frosty

Awards season is apparently getting awkward, as **Angelina Jolie** hasn't warmed to **George Clooney**'s new girlfriend, **Stacy Keibler**, according to Us Weekly. Jolie and **Brad Pitt** reportedly shared a private jet with Clooney and Keibler to the Palm Springs Film Festival, and sources say the plane couldn't get there fast enough. "Angelina refused to acknowledge that Stacy was even on the plane," a source says. "Angelina went out of her way to ignore her, from takeoff to landing. She would not even look Stacy's way. She was not having it."



Academy Award nominees announced



The Oscars

Yesterday the nominations for the Academy Awards were announced. Below is a list of the lucky nominees. The Oscars will air on Feb. 26.

Best Supporting Actress:

- Berenice Bejo, "The Artist"
- Jessica Chastain, "The Help"
- Melissa McCarthy, "Bridesmaids"
- Janet McTeer, "Albert Nobbs"

- Octavia Spencer, "The Help"
- Kenneth Branagh, "My Week with Marilyn"
- Jonah Hill, "Moneyball"
- Nick Nolte, "Warrior"
- Christopher Plummer, "Beginners"
- Max von Sydow, "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close"
- Glenn Close, "Albert Nobbs"

Best Actress:

- Viola Davis, "The Help"
- Rooney Mara, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"
- Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"
- Michelle Williams, "My Week with Marilyn"
- Demian Bichir, "A Better Life"
- George Clooney, "The Descendants"
- Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
- Gary Oldman, "Tinker, Tailor,

- Soldier, Spy"
- Brad Pitt, "Moneyball"
- Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"
- Alexander Payne, "The Descendants"
- Martin Scorsese, "Hugo"
- Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris"
- Terrence Malick, "The Tree of Life"

Best Picture:

- "The Artist," Thomas Langmann, producer
- "The Descendants," Jim Burke, Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor, producers
- "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," Scott Rudin, producer
- "The Help," Brunson Green, Chris Columbus and Michael Barnathan, producers
- "Hugo," Graham King and

- Martin Scorsese, producers
- "Midnight in Paris," Letty Aronson and Stephen Tenenbaum, producers
- "Moneyball," Michael De Luca, Rachael Horovitz and Brad Pitt, producers
- "The Tree of Life," Nominees to be determined
- "War Horse," Steven Spielberg and Kathleen Kennedy, producers

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Trends from the men's autumn/winter shows

Trend 1:**Tailoring**

Milan's renowned for its tailoring and this season was no exception. While most designers were looking to the past, Paul Smith looked seaside. Dark, skinny pieces were dotted with neon, nautical motifs. Hermes, on the other hand, returned to sobriety with slim, muted tailoring. Meanwhile, the tailoring at Burberry Prorsum arrived slim-cut (noticing a trend?) in shades of gray and later corduroy with military-meets-country flight jackets.

Trend 2:**Military**

It's a men's fashion paradigm that's been re-worked on countless occasions, and this season was no different. Versace went for camouflage but not the type designed to make you blend in with your surroundings — unless of course you're on an acid trip in a rainbow world. Conversely, Jil Sander's designer Raf Simons found himself in a dark place with a collection worthy of the Gestapo, with long leather trench coats and black suits.

Jil
Sander**Trend 3:****Period dress**

Prada went down the literary trope of appearance and reality in a show entitled "Il Palazzo. A Palace of Role Play" with actors Gary Oldman, Adrien Brody and Jamie Bell all taking to the runway in high double-breasted suits and white collars reminiscent of Fin-de-Siecle chic — they should have topped it off with a cape from Dolce & Gabbana. Alexander McQueen went down a similarly archaic route with pin-stripe suits, breeches and Prince of Wales checks.

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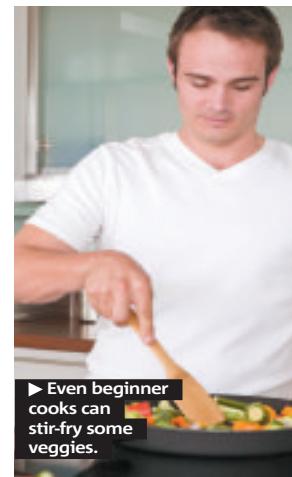
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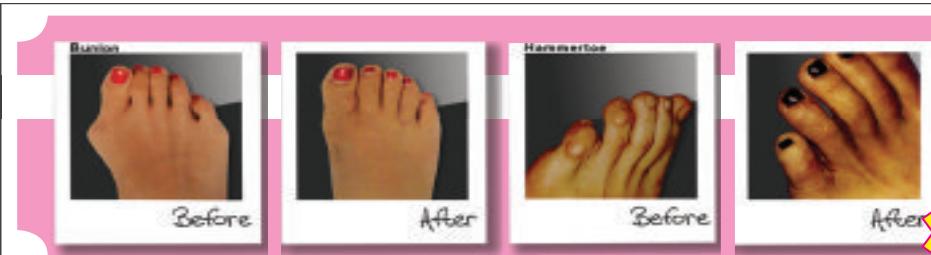
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What should Paula Deen do next?

The eyes have it

► **Get regular eye exams:** "Annual eye exams are a critical component of the overall health care for a person with diabetes. Eye doctors monitor for diabetes-related conditions such as diabetic retinopathy, one of the leading causes of blindness in the U.S." — **VSP Vision Care optometrist Dr. Roger Phelps**

and stroke, just as diabetes does. When these risks overlap, they multiply."

— **Brigham and Women's diabetes and hypertension specialist, Dr. Alexander Turchin**

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Ron Paul would fix our drugs problem

RE: "NATIONAL JOKE IS WHAT'S 'DESPICABLE'": Robert La Rosa paints a grossly distorted picture of Ron Paul. Paul is the only candidate for President (including Obama) who would seek to end the war on drugs, which disproportionately affects minorities. Under a President Paul, there would be no distinction (by the federal government) between smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol. The federal government does not arrest people for drinking beer, and so it should not for using other drugs. This would decrease the amount of minorities in prison who are only there for non-violent drug crimes. If that sounds racist, we are truly living in a backward society.

KELLY DONNOE, LYNBROOK

Conservatives have poisoned politics

It is now official: While liberals are far from blameless in the poisoned waters of politics I have to say as a member of neither party that conservatives are the ones who need to stop, assess and go seek help. Threats of violence against liberal candidates and voters to keep them home; actually shooting a liberal Congressperson and now someone in Arkansas has killed a cat and left it spray-painted with the word "liberal" on it for its owner. Conservatives need to start living by those "heartland values" they try to cram down my throat at gunpoint instead of just spouting them in between terrorist attacks. Using threats and violence to get your way is what Osama bin

Laden would do, and hopefully conservative Americans will stop trying to use Osama's anti-American methods in their quest for power at any cost.

DOUG BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

The game is how to grab huge amounts of money from other people's work."

Romney and Gingrich are two sides of the same coin. Both are smart and cunning enough to play the game and win. And the game is how to grab huge amounts of money from other people's work. They're both living the Republican version of the American Dream. Well, it sure isn't my dream.

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

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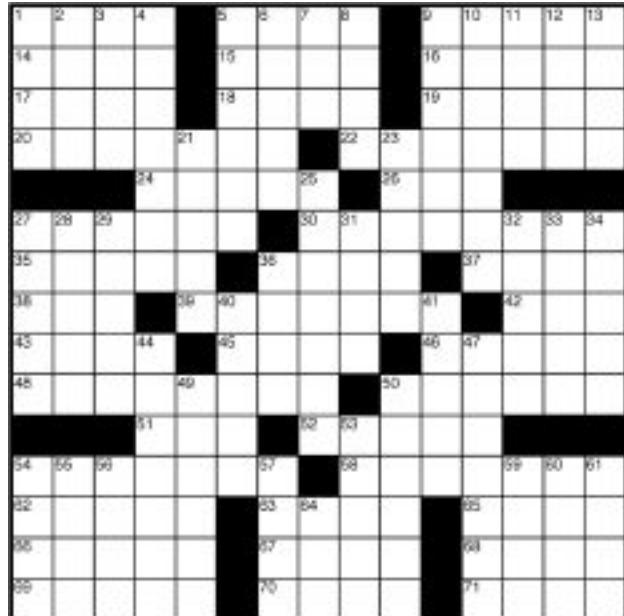
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57 Part of LAPD
59 Dud, to NASA (hyph.)
60 Kind of lens
61 What is more
64 ___ -Magnon

George W. Bush like the cowardly captain

George W. Bush leaves me with same taste in my mouth as the passengers Costa Concordia must have tasted when Captain Francesco Schettino abandoned ship, leaving them to fend for themselves. W never defended his high-deductible insurance and medical savings account plan when ObamaCare made it illegal. Like Schettino, Bush is in his lifeboat drinking champagne and oblivious to his dereliction of duty.

JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL

GOP deserves to be smacked a little bit

RE: "QUIT BEATING UP ON THE REPUBLICANS": There are so many reasons why the Republican Party deserves to be "beaten up." But simply put, it's their blatant and vicious use of bigotry in their politics that I can't get past. This is a signifier that the party is ideology tainted. The Party deserves a beat down.

MATT BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

off at the knees.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Any task that requires considerable concentration as well as a certain amount of boldness is what you'll excel at, so don't shy away from these kinds of jobs.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Because your powers of persuasion are exceptionally strong, you'll be remarkably good at turning people to your way of thinking. Now is the time to make your pitch.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. The timing is perfect for attending to a serious matter that you've been sidestepping. Take a deep breath and get down to business the moment you see an opening. It may not last long.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Numbered among your many virtues is an excellent organizational ability that you'll have a chance to use today. Just be careful not to employ a heavy hand when giving orders.

♐ Taurus April 20-May 20. Observe and study persons you admire who do things right, and you can learn more from them than you do from books. Pay heed not only to what they say, but what they do.

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Cancer June 21-July 22. When you allow yourself to have as much time as needed to analyze an important decision, you'll be able to reach a solid conclusion. Don't cut yourself

short.

♌ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. The possibilities for advancing your self-interests are exceptional. Don't be unduly self-serving — just push for what is personally important.

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Horoscope

~~~ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. If you study your financial affairs down to the last detail, you should be able to discover some new ways to generate the gains you desire. Don't take your past situations for granted.

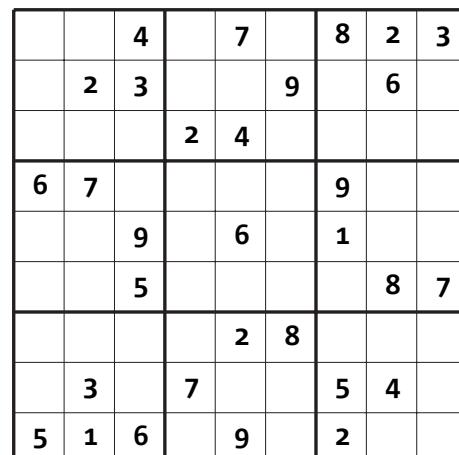
♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Refrain from judging someone you don't really know based on dubious information. Even if this person is difficult for some to get along with, this may not hold true for you.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. Playing a supportive role generally isn't your bag; you're usually the person leading the pack. However, if you handle your unaccustomed position well, the accolades will be shared.

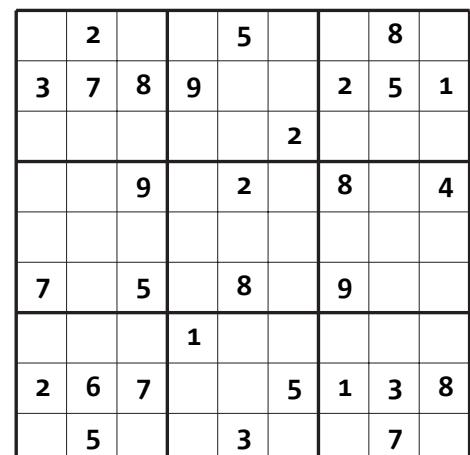
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# Giants play waiting game

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- Players for, against long wait for Super Bowl game over a week away
- Rolle happy to get some days off

The Giants were off Tuesday and for many players it was sorely needed, with the emphasis on sore.

That's what happens when a team is riding a five-game winning streak with each game basically being do-or-die. The mental stress is comparable to the physical beating these men take, particularly in last Sunday's NFC championship game, so Tuesday's non-workout day was a nice offering from head coach Tom Coughlin.

Safety Antrel Rolle, who's been as active as any Giant during this playoff stretch, said he's actually grateful for the respite.

"I have to be honest and say I'm not too antsy [to play right away]. This trip has been an ex-

## Manning speaks

Eli Manning is known to be a quiet leader on the team, but not yesterday.

► "We got an excellent message from Eli," safety Antrel Rolle said. "Eli doesn't say much. When he says it, he means it and you know it is coming from the heart."

hausting one and a lot of hard work, putting everything into these five games. This is very much needed," Rolle said. "This took a lot of mental space and physical pounding to do whatever it takes to get to this point. Once we're here we're not going to



► The oft-reserved Eli Manning, left, gave a speech to the assembled Giants team yesterday.

enjoy this little time off. But once we come back to work on Thursday I'll be ready and it'll be full speed again."

Defensive end Justin Tuck, who's dealt with many injuries

this season, said the adrenaline rush trumps his physical exhaustion.

"I don't think it'll be that challenging [taking a break]. It's the Super Bowl and we ex-

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## Yankees sign Martin to deal

On the same day Yankees fans said goodbye to long-time catcher Jorge Posada they avoided salary arbitration with his replacement.

Russell Martin signed a one-year, nonguaranteed contract to be the Yankees' starter in 2012.

Martin had filed for



salary arbitration at the deadline, but the two sides avoided a ruling by agreeing to terms yesterday.

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► Posada finished his Yankees career with 275 home runs.

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On Tuesday, at a packed Yankee Stadium press conference, Posada officially announced his retirement, ending a 17-year Yankee career that featured five World Series championships.

Flanked by his wife Laura and two children on the podium, Posada started welling up with tears moments into his opening statement when he declared he could never play elsewhere, despite a five-year

offer from the Mets after the 2007 season and the possibility of going elsewhere this season.

"I could never wear another uniform," Posada said. "I will forever be a Yankee."

Posada delivered those words to the most crowded press conference at the new stadium and to a crowd that included best friend and teammate Derek Jeter, closer Mariano Rivera, manager Joe Girardi, pitcher CC Sabathia and former coach Willie Randolph.

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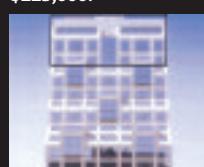
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"I can remember being 19 years old and hand-carrying a large glass lantern from Cairo back on the plane because it was too fragile to pack in my luggage," Elsa Mehary says of one of the many conversation-starting details in her pad. "But now, the same lamp can be found in a store like West Elm, imported for half the price and minus the story of adventure in an intricate maze of bazaars," she adds.

Mehary has lived in her two-bedroom apartment in Park Slope for 15 years. She's spent that time filling the place with carefully chosen figures and textiles she's picked up traveling to places such as Bali, India and Tulum. "I think of my apartment as a serene oasis in the center of chaos," she says.

She's achieved an overall look and feeling of zen through a mix of spiritual figures and colors that she found in near and far-flung places. There's the gold head of Buddha she



► Elsa Mehary has been carefully cultivating the eclectic global style of her Park Slope apartment for 15 years.

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### All about Elsa

- **Name:** Elsa Mehary
- **Occupation:** Designer behind the jewelry line Mehary ([www.elsamehary.com](http://www.elsamehary.com)), and art director
- **The space:** A two-bedroom brownstone storefront
- **The city:** Brooklyn, New York

found in Chinatown: "It's really heavy but I love the serenity it brings to the space." And an ornate cross lies next to a box of Bach flower remedies imported from Israel. "I was born in Ethiopia and plan on returning there this year to visit all the amazing churches built into the ground in Lalibela. The cross is a traditional Orthodox relic from Addis Ababa, originally owned by my mom," she explains.

"The look of my apartment is constantly changing," Mehary admits. But the sense of calm never changes. "I incorporate the feng shui principles in determining location of color throughout the house."

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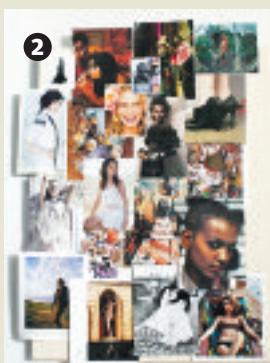
### A glance inside



## Get the look

### 1 Play with accent walls

"I change the accent wall over each fireplace. Red in the bedroom for passion and blue in the living room for calm," Mehary says.



### 2 Embrace the blank canvas

"Many of the walls feature blank canvases because I didn't want them to look bare, but I did want there to be a sense of space. And because I am a creative, I need lots of inspirational items around for reference when I am drawing or designing," she explains.

### 3 Rotate accessories

"I kept almost all of the

walls white so that I could accessorize the place with colorful pillows, fabrics or textures. I switch them in and out according to the season," Mehary says.



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